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North Vietnam: A top-drawer North Vietnamese delegation has arrived in Moscow to participate in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution.

The delegation, headed by party First Secretary Le Duan, includes two other politburo members, Defense Minister Vo Nguyen Giap and Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh. The Soviets trotted out their top brass to greet the North Vietnamese. Leading the reception committee was General Secretary Brezhnev. President Podgorny and Premier Kosygin also met the North Vietnamese delegation at the airport.

South Vietnam: Police authorities in Hue believe that the militant Buddhists are set to renew antigovernment activities there. According to these officials, orders have come from a Saigon headquarters of the militant faction calling for a step-up in antigovernment activities, to include immolations. The local police, who claim to have substantial evidence of Viet Cong efforts to manipulate Buddhist organizations in Hue, have taken measures to prevent serious trouble.

Military action in the South is focused on the northern III Corps area where the Communists, on 31 October, attacked the Loc Ninh Special Forces camp for the second time in three days. Enemy forces failed again to overrun the camp and suffered heavy casualties. Over 350 Communist soldiers have been killed in the two assaults so far.

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